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CALENDAR UPDATE	
Linear Week 1: Mar 6 - 10	
Mar 6-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eco Cooks Program running in Foods Classes this week
Mar 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yearbook Purchase Deadline Extended FAST Application Deadline
Mar 11-26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SPRING BREAK - School Closed
UPCOMING	
Mar 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gr. 8 Advisory in Block 5 Camp Summit Parent Info Night 6:00 – 7:00 pm (see below)
Mar 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Semester 2 Fine Arts/Applied Skills first day of Rotation 2
Mar 31-Apr 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CASHMUN Conference for Model UN
Apr 1-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orlando Trip
Apr 3-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> West Vancouver Schools - Sleep Week (see below)
Apr 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Euclid Math contest Tues Apr 4th, 10:00 am– 12:30 pm (2.5 hours) Family of Schools Blanket Ceremony, 6pm - 8pm (scroll down for details and info)
Apr 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 9 Immunization Clinic #2
Apr 5-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TC Production: Talent Show Fail - evening performances at Kay Meek Centre
Apr 7-9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easter Holiday
May 1st-19th - AP Exam Schedule	
FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR	
WV Youth Services click here	

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I appreciate the time you take to scroll down through our weekly E-Bulletin to stay informed about our Rockridge school community. Be sure to check out this week’s Raven Life attachment that is overflowing with some incredible photos and captions of our student and staff learning stories from the last week.

With one sleep to go before Spring Break I hope our Ravens have made some plans to enjoy their vacation and be ready for the final approach to June when we return on Monday, March 27th. I do have one homework assignment for our students (and families) for Spring Break. Please be sure to review your course selections as explained in the section below.

Safe travels to those of you driving and flying over the next two weeks. I hope your Spring Break has everything you need whether it is rest and relaxation, or fun and excitement.

ROCKRIDGE INTERNATIONAL LUNCH

Our International Lunch took place on Wednesday and was a great success. Thank you to Ms. Coulthard and the following clubs; Kanata , Interact & Dear Asian Youth, for their organizational and management efforts. And a special thank you to the Rockridge families that donated such a wide array of cultural delicacies! Please be sure to pick up your dishes before Friday and check the Raven Life for some great photos.

ATTENTION DOG WALKERS

The Rockridge sports field is a Classroom space, used by classes and teams, many of which will begin regular practices and games in our first week back. There has been a large amount of Dog Poop that is not only a distraction and slipping hazard, but also a health issue. We remind our community members that West Vancouver Bylaw prohibits dogs on the field, and thank you for your cooperation in respecting this outdoor classroom space.

STUDENT PARKING

An important reminder that students parking in the Rockridge student lot MUST display a decal, which can be purchased from the office for \$25. There have regularly been far more cars parked than decals purchased, and some students that have purchased decals are finding no spots available when they arrive. Please ensure that you have purchased your decal from the office.

LOST & SOME FOUND ITEMS

Numerous items have once again accumulated in the lost and found. Please have your student come by to reclaim items by Friday this week. As our storage space is limited, some items will be donated over the break.

SPRING CLEANING WISH LIST

Art Department

- Art materials – pencils & pencil crayons

Textiles

- 100 % Cotton larger swatches of cloth
- Denim
- Zippers

MYEDUCATION FAMILY PORTAL

Term 2 Linear reports were published to the MyEdBC Parent Portal on **Thursday, March 2nd**. You should have received an email with instructions and a link to take you to the MyEd Portal. Trouble logging in? - Click on the [School District's My Ed Family Portal Page](#)

2023-24 COURSE PLANNING INFORMATION

To access the recent course planning presentations you can find the slideshows, forms, course indexes and AP/Special programs video [HERE](#). All students should by now have submitted/uploaded their course requests for next year - due March 26th. To view your student's requests please see [the navigation instructions](#) - scroll down - *MyEd Viewing Student Course Requests*.

If your student or parent account has been disabled from password reset - please email msmithers@wvschools.ca or jtowers@wvschools.ca or gthomson@wvschools.ca

WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS - SLEEP WEEK APRIL 3 to 6

West Vancouver Schools in partnership with local Wellness Champions are participating in SLEEP WEEK 2023. Each day of the week will have a focus such as 'Sleep Routines' culminating in a District Wide Pajama Day on Thursday, April 6th. Please see the information [poster](#) with more details coming after the break

BLOCK 5 UPDATES & GRADE 8 ADVISORY DATES

Our Tuesday and Thursday schedule provides ongoing opportunities for students to use their time to focus on their individual curricular needs. It is also where our Gr. 8 & 9 students have Careers presentations scheduled. As Grade 8 & 9 students had a Careers class **today**, they have an assignment to now complete and submit in their Grad Class 2026 or 2027 (Google Classroom). Here are the upcoming dates for scheduled presentations, along with the semester two Grade 8 Advisory Dates:

GR. 8/9 CAREERS DATES FOR BLOCK 5		GR. 8 ADVISORY DATES	
TUESDAY	THURSDAY		
April 4	April 20	Advisory #10	Thu., March 30
May 2	May 18	Advisory #11	Thu., April 13
May 30	June 15	Advisory #12	Tue., April 25
		Advisory #13	Tue., May 9
		Advisory #14	Thu., May 25
		Advisory #15	Thurs. June 8 th
		Advisory #16	Tues. June 20 th

Teacher locations during Block 5: bit.ly/rrFITlocations22 This list will help students plan effective use of their flexible instruction time.

GRADE 8 ADVISORY GETS A NEW LOOK

After spring break, on Advisory days, grade 8s will be asked to choose their room of interest where they will have an opportunity to connect with grade 10 mentors on similar passions and interests. More information about these **interest clusters**, activities and locations will be communicated to students and here in the E-Bulletin following Spring Break.

Grade 8 Advisory Team Points

Semester one was filled with grade 8 homeroom activities and competitions that were led by our Mentorship 10 students. Congratulations to the **Supportive Green Snakes** for taking the lead in our grade 8 competitions so far this year! This homeroom was rewarded with a PIZZA LUNCH on **today** in **E103 (drama room) from 12:45-1:15 pm.**

Grade 8 Homeroom	Homeroom Points
RESILIENT Red Bulls	1360
ADAPTABLE Black Penguins	3110
VALIANT White Polar Bears	2345

EMPATHETIC Yellow Blobfish	2505
NOBLE Orange Tigers	2810
SUPPORTIVE Green Snakes	3675

GRADUATION NEWS

- Rockridge & District Scholarships (Tuesday, April 11th)
- Grad info assembly - April 13th at the end of block 2-4 (12:00pm)

Graduates have been encouraged to apply for our Rockridge & District scholarships by following the instructions on [this document](#). All applications will be due on Tuesday, April 11th 2023 @ 4pm.

YEARBOOK - Extended FINAL order deadline to guarantee your yearbook- MARCH 10th

We are extending the final order deadline for the books until Friday, March 10th! If you do not order a book before then, we cannot guarantee that a book will be available for you. Order yours now on [School Cash online](#) for \$50!

ROCKRIDGE OUTDOOR GATHERING AREA - PAC Final Fundraising Campaign

Our PAC needs your help to make the Rockridge covered outdoor student gathering area a reality. You can learn more about the final steps of this project by viewing our [digital flyer](#). You can make donations through School Cash Online [SCO](#)

BLANKET EXERCISE INVITATION TO PARENTS (13 SPOTS)

At the beginning of January, the WVS DPAC was able to experience the Blanket Exercise. It was an incredibly powerful learning, enriching opportunity for the 3 PAC members that attended. The blanket exercise uses Indigenous ways of teaching and knowing to build understanding of our shared history by walking participants through pre-contact, treaty making and colonization from the Indigenous perspective. It is a participatory history lesson designed by Indigenous elders to foster truth and understanding.

We are happy to announce that DPAC will be broadening the impact of this experience by offering more sessions at schools. There will be a session at Rockridge on **April 4th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm**.

We have 13 spots open to any interested Rockridge parent/guardian. The first 13 parents who RSVP will attend this special event on April 4th. As some may cancel, we will maintain a waiting list. To RSVP please email ropac@wvschools.ca

GRADE 10s write the GNA - April 24-28

Starting April 3rd - students can confirm their date to write the Graduation Numeracy Assessment as it will be posted on the Grad class of 2025 google classroom. In the meantime, they can prepare by going to this [site](#) to see Videos, Exemplars and specifications and this [site](#) to complete sample assessment A and B.

NOTE: If any grade 10-12s wish to rewrite any previous grad assessments please reach out to Ms. Towers jtowers@wvschools.ca. If a student has missed a Grad assessment in a previous session - they will be contacted.

GRADE 8s RETURN TO CAMP SUMMIT - May 3-5

Please attend our [parent info night](#) - **March 30th @ 6pm** virtually through [google meet](#). Permission forms will go out to students during block 2-2 classes that week and are due along with the payment through school cash online - **April 14th**.

AWARDS 2022-23 - Held on June 26th

It is time to start nominating yourself for a major Rockridge award- **Principal's Awards of Merit, Rockridge Prestige Award (Athletics or Fine Arts), Caulfeild Village Merchant Community Spirit Award, Morgan Backhouse Award, Rock Solid Award and Service Award**. To prepare for future scholarship applications, we are asking grade 8-11 students to fill out the appropriate forms (linked [HERE](#)) in order to be recognized for a major award for the 2022-23 school year. Teachers will continue to nominate students for subject recognition awards but will no longer nominate for major awards but instead review the applications to determine the rightful winners. You will find descriptions of the awards and links to the application forms [HERE](#). Applications are due **May 28th @midnight**.

RAVENS ATHLETICS

If you would like to play for a school team this spring, look at the Google Class code board outside the Athletics office. Hint: You will be able to spot this on the [pink poster](#).

Rockridge Basketball UNIFORM RETURN - to your coach or Mr. Armstrong.

- Please label all uniforms with the student name and team.

Rockridge Tennis Google Classroom Code: [go3awf3](#) Coaches: Ms. Neacs (W110) or Ms. Rinfret (W116)
Please return the athletic agreement, registration and medical forms and pay the fee on school cash online by March 27th.

Mountain Bike Team - Google Class code [rz55ubo](#) Racing begins in April.

Interested players must complete and return these forms ([registration](#) & [volunteer driver](#)) and pay the team fee online. Racing begins in April.

Coaches: Mr. Ahmelich (Counselling) and Ms. Ferrajohn (Careers)

Badminton

- **Badminton Team** Google Class code: [qszipv](#)
- **Badminton Club** (non-competitive) Google Class code: [V55ioaa](#)

Girls Soccer Google Class code **Junior:** [zbq3rjt](#), Google Class code **Senior:** [Vybw6vb](#)

Rockridge Senior Ultimate Frisbee Google Class code: [btp5fxk](#)

If you are interested in the Senior Ultimate Frisbee team, sign up outside Mr. Armstrong's door.

Rockridge Golf - Contact Coach Mr. Taguchi: TTaguchi@wvschools.ca

Rockridge Ice Hockey Google Classroom Code: [owc2sjg](#)

Forms, jersey deposit, and payment is now past due. If you want a hockey team this year, please forward all the above to Mr. Kim. If you need another form, come see me in the computer lab.

Boys Rugby Gr 10-12 -Coach Mr. Zambon or Contact Mr. Ian Armstrong IArmstrong@wvschools.ca

Stay up to date on Raven Athletics:

- Follow Rockridge Secondary on Twitter: [Rockridge Secondary Twitter](#)
- Follow Rockridge Secondary on Instagram: [@rockridgess](#)
- Contact Mr. Ian Armstrong IArmstrong@wvschools.ca if you have questions regarding our Athletics program.

*Our student athletes should be members of their team's Google Classroom for full team schedules and messages.

WV SCHOOLS DISTRICT NEWS

Hayley Watson Learning Opportunities - 7 - 8:30 pm Monday, April 24 @ Kay Meek

Open Parachute founder Hayley Watson is returning to West Vancouver to facilitate a session. In this session, you will be taught skills for building mental health resilience in your child, so they can navigate the challenges they face throughout their academic journey.

Please see the following link for details: [DPAC parent session](#)

2023 Summer Learning with West Vancouver Schools

Are you interested in learning during the summer? West Vancouver Schools will be offering a robust Summer Learning Program for both elementary and secondary students during July 2023.

Online registration for both the elementary and secondary Summer Learning programs opens on Monday, April 3 at 8:00 AM.

More information about courses, locations, attendance etc. can be found on the Summer Learning information flyers ([elementary](#) or [secondary](#)) or on the [Summer Learning Website](#).

Host Families Needed for International Students – Exciting 2024 Fee Increase

[Apply now](#) and welcome a student for the upcoming 2023/2024 school year.

Did you know?

- Hosting fees of \$1,100 per student per month. Many families will host two students which can provide up to \$22,000 per year income subsidy.
- Effective February 1, 2024 the fees increase to \$1,400 per student per month!

Don't miss out, placing students starts now. See below message from an actual student letter joining our program this fall. Open your home for this amazing opportunity for all family members.

"I genuinely believe that Canada is the place where I belong. It has everything I'm looking for: contact with nature, beautiful landscapes, friendly people, security, and excellent public schools. But, the main reason why I chose Canada is the people; I will be welcome and feel at home"

Call Homestay Manager Martina Brazeau for more information at 604.341.0515 or visit our [web pages](#)

STUDENT WORKER Summer Learning Job Opportunity - International Programs - see attached

Looking for mature senior student leaders (currently in grade 10 and 11) at our secondary schools who provide leadership to our international students to be successful. They help the international students become familiar with our local schools, community, and culture. Successful candidates should be available from August 22, 2023 to August 31, 2023. There may be additional opportunities to work with International Programs during the school year.

WVS PREMIER SPORTS ACADEMIES

The WVS Premier Sports Academies are accepting registrations for the 2023-2024 school year.

Please see the attached list of Academies noting information evenings and registration dates.

VOLLEYBALL ACADEMY TRYOUTS

Wednesday March 29th 3:30 to 5:00 West Van Secondary New Gym

Thursday March 30th 3:30 to 5:00 West Van Secondary New Gym

BASKETBALL ACADEMY TRYOUTS

Tuesday April 4th (RTC 1 & 2) 3:30 to 5:00 West Van Secondary Old Gym

Wednesday April 5th (Development) - 3:30 to 5:00 West Van Secondary Old Gym

COMMUNITY NEWS

West Vancouver Memorial Library Spring e-newsletter

The [WVML March/April edition of our e-newsletter](#) is here for WVS families and educators! This round includes all of our Spring Break programs that still have room, plus much more.

VSO Education and Community Engagement Programs:

Relaxed Performance March 16th at 11:30am at the Orpheum. (During Spring Break)

Children of all ages, families, all neurodivergent community members, and those who simply want a more relaxed performance experience are welcome to this one-hour, sensory-friendly performance. Relaxed Performances have become a defined term in the performing arts, as performances specially designed to welcome a neurodiverse audience, and audiences that may perceive stresses or barriers in a more formal concert setting.

Relaxed performance is part of the dress rehearsal before a concert. Just like a concert, the orchestra runs through their program in an informal setting.

Please check this [link](#) for further information and tickets

Girls Exploring Physics event for grade 9 & 10- March 23, 2023 9:45 am -2:45 pm @ SFU

Simon Fraser University is hosting a *Girls Exploring Physics* event for grade 9 and 10 female-identifying and non-binary students interested in learning more about physics through two hands-on activities and a tour of the Trottier Astronomical Observatory & Science Courtyard. Lunch will be provided for the event which will run from 9:45 am to 2:45 pm. More information can be found [here](#) and you can register [here](#)

BECOME A CAMP IGNITE PARTICIPANT - CALLING ALL GRADE 11 & 12 GIRLS IN B.C.!

Become a Camp Ignite Participant. Girls in Grade 11 & 12 are invited to apply for this unique opportunity to train at the Vancouver Fire Rescue Centre for 3 days - apply <https://campignite.com/join-us>

RECURRING NEWS ITEMS

BEAT THE VAPE A Smoking Cessation Club at The Rock

Supporting students with making healthy and safe choices is important and challenging work. We know that educating and supporting adolescents around substance use and reduction requires student buy-in and engagement, but also adult expertise. With this in mind, we are pleased to introduce a new club opportunity for students at Rockridge called Beat the Vape. In partnership with VCH Tobacco & Vapour Reduction members, our Youth Worker, Leanne will be piloting a seven week club during Block 5 for students who would like support to quit vaping.

1. The club meets on Tuesdays at 1:15 to 2:00pm *during Block 5*
2. The club runs for 7 weeks per sessions in G-201
3. We have 10 spaces available for students to join each session.
4. Students who would like to join can sign up directly with Leanne by visiting our counselling office or by emailing her.
5. Parents/guardians who would like to have their student attend can contact Leanne via email at LWarner@wvschools.ca or Garth Thomson GThomson@wvschools.ca, Jennifer Towers JTowers@wvschools.ca or Trevor Kolkea TKolkea@wvschools.ca

6. Parents/guardians will be important partners in our club to help support student attendance to be successful in achieving their goals

More about the program: The Lung Health Foundation smoking and vaping cessation program targets youth ages 14-19 who are interested in quitting. The program offers a self directed, stage-by-stage quit plan based on whether users want to quit smoking, vaping or both. It includes customizations to support the user on their individual quit journey based on their unique quit goals. This adult-facilitated program portions are integrated with both the Quash website and mobile app tools.

Annual Winter Weather Reminder: Use this link for information about the communication of weather closures and procedures: [SCHOOL DISTRICT WINTER WEATHER PROCEDURES](#)

District Affordability Fund

The Ministry of Education has provided West Vancouver Schools \$650,000, a one-time funding grant for us to make the 22/23 school year more affordable for students and families in need. We have now received the funding for our 18 schools and have allocated the money based on the specific needs of each of our school communities. Our allocation:

- Will allow schools to cover costs for school fees, school supplies or other school related costs for students in need
- Some funds will be used to benefit large groups of both elementary and secondary students

Families are encouraged to reach out to Mr. Kolkea if any financial support is needed for school-based supplies, fees or activities.

Health & Safety

We want to ensure all our families know that the wellness of our Rockridge community is always top of mind. There are three simple reminders we continue to share with staff, students and caregivers:

1. Hand hygiene is an effective means to prevent illness.
2. Wearing a mask is always an option for members of our school community.
3. If you are not well, stay home, rest and return when you are better. Students can use Google Classroom, contact their teacher or classmates to keep up with assignments.
4. **Cold & Flu Season** - When to keep your child home from school - click [here](#)

SchoolCash Online - Student Fees

Rockridge uses School Cash Online for school items requiring payment. This system is utilized throughout the West Vancouver School District, and you and your child will continue to receive payment requests in this manner. If you are new to the WV School District and have not yet registered for SchoolCash Online, we can provide you with a temporary PIN number to be used the first time you log in, then you will be prompted to create a login and password for future access. Please email rockridge@wvschools.ca with your student's name and grade to request this PIN if you are not yet set up with an account.

Excused Absences and Early Dismissals

If a student will be late for school or missing a block, parents are requested to inform the school by sending an email to rockridge@wvschools.ca . Please include the student's full legal name and grade, time of Absence and Reason for Absence. Students arriving 'late' for class should proceed directly to their class and check in with the teacher who will modify the attendance to indicate 'late' rather than 'absent'.

Automated phone calls/emails are sent home when students are absent from a class. This includes all Block 5 classes for grade 8s and Careers presentation classes for grade 8 and 9. The automated call

system does not specifically explain which block a student missed, so we do ask that parents/guardians discuss any unexpected absence calls with the student first, then call our office with further questions.

Policies & Procedures Form 2022-2023 - <https://eforms.sd45.bc.ca/Form/PandP>

This online verification and consent form requires a parent login and must be completed for all students each year. If a parent previously created an account to complete the 21/22 form, the account is the same. If you have forgotten your password, you can follow the instructions to reset it. Once logged in, parents have the option to either update a P+P form created last year or start a new one.

Please be aware that a new P+P consent form MUST be completed for each student, each school year. Without a completed consent form, students are not permitted to access their Google classrooms, have their photos included in the yearbook etc. Permissions expire on August 31 each year.

Student Verification & Emergency Release Forms

These forms were sent home with your student at the beginning of the school year. If they are still at your home please return them so we can complete our Emergency Preparedness Plan.

MyEducation BC & BC Services Cards

MyEducation BC has developed a new feature that provides BC students and parents with the choice to connect their BC services card to MyEducation BC and use the BC services card app, rather than the district issued username and password. Please see the [MyEducation BC Family Portal](#) on the West Vancouver Schools Website and select 'Student Portal Guides' or 'Family Portal Guides' as appropriate for further information.